



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 954

LCO No. 4460



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR
UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education, in
2 consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, shall develop a plan
3 for the provision of preschool to all children three and four years of
4 age in the state for the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each
5 school year thereafter. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited
6 to, the utilization of public and private preschool programs and
7 assistance for local and regional boards of education to implement
8 such plan. Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit
9 such plan and any recommendations for legislation necessary to
10 implement such plan to the joint standing committee of the General
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in
12 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, to develop a plan for universal preschool beginning in 2022.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]